



January 2018 Newsletter

Members,

Hope it's been a great start to your new year! January was "Membership Month" for AGA, and thanks to Ben Thayer, Jason Gentile, and Kristen Hershberger for assisting me in hosting a table in the DFAS Columbus Building 21 Cafeteria on January 9th. On January 14th, Matt Little facilitated our AGA Webinar on Grants Management. On January 18th, our chapter hosted Ms. Tabatha Tomlinson from H&R Block to update us on the recently passed Tax Reform law, and had around 30 attendees.



February has a lot on the horizon, as we are hosting an AGA Webinar on February 7th, on the topic of Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities. On February 21st, our Monthly Luncheon topic will be Financial Reporting with Tammy Kicas from DFAS Columbus Departmental Reporting. Tickets will go on sale February 12th. We are already very busy planning our Joint Greater Columbus AGA/Buckeye Chapter ASMC Spring Professional Development Training on March 27th at Creekside Event Center in Gahanna. Look for information from your organization coming in late February on how you can join us for our all-day conference offering 7 CPE/CET, networking opportunities, and more.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is starting up February 10th at Northland and West High Schools in Columbus, and is our chapter's biggest volunteer opportunity of the year. It will run on Saturdays from 10 AM – 2 PM through March 17th. If you're interested in the requirements of being a greeter or tax preparer, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/GreaterColumbus/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/VITA-Community-Service-Opportunity.aspx>. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/tax-time-of-central-ohio-13565822654>. Please contact me at william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil if you have any questions

Also – it's that time – Membership Renewal Season! Please head out to <http://www.agacgfm.org> and renew your AGA Membership for the 2018-2019 year. You should be receiving a renewal notice via mail, but you can complete the process online very quickly. You definitely want to keep getting access to all of our CPE opportunities, leadership development positions, and more. Don't wait, and renew today!

Our website (<http://www.agacgfm.org/greatercolumbus>) and our e-mail updates have more information on all these topics. Check back frequently for new information and stay informed, so you receive full benefits from your AGA Membership.

Sincerely,

Will Kays
President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of 12/31/2017

Checking Balance: \$18,575.23 (↓ \$136.99)

Savings Balance: \$1,056.45 (↑ 0.27)

Certificate of Deposit: \$5,168.30 (↑ \$2.34)

What You Need To Know

Get Involved

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings in Education, Communications, Finance & Budget, and Community Service. Not interested in a position but want to help out? Serve on a Committee! We'd love to have you involved and it's a great way to build your resume. Contact any chapter leaders or greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com if you're interested.

New Members

Greater Columbus AGA would like to welcome our two newest members, Ms. Angela Robinson, and Mr. Marc Willis. We're excited to have you join the chapter!

Full AGA Webinar Schedule Available

AGA National has published the full topic and date list for AGA Webinars for 2017-2018. Our chapter has purchased all 12 webinars (7 remain!). Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

Follow Us On Instagram

Social media savvy? Follow our chapter on Instagram under "agabuckeyes". We'll typically post pictures from chapter events.



Help us Fundraise

Don't forget to renew your Kroger Plus Card with Community Rewards! Find Instructions on our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/GreaterColumbus/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/Kroger-Community-Rewards.aspx>

Chapter Member Centric Report

Please take a look at our chapter's Member-Centric Report! The report is intended to summarize our chapter's most recent fiscal year and give members access to our activities, finances, and strategic goals. <https://www.agacgfm.org/aga/chaptersites/GreaterColumbus/files/AGA%20CCR%202016-17.pdf>

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Pictured Above: Greater Columbus AGA Members at the Tax Reform Luncheon held on 1/18/2018 at the DFAS Conference Center.

AGA December CEC Meeting Notes

January 17, 2018

DSCC Building 21 – 2nd Floor Fishbowl Meeting Room

President Updates (Will Kays)

- Accounting Operations meeting was an informative five minute discussion with Accounting Directors at DFAS with a follow-up e-mail from the Chapter President to all attendees.
- Next AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) is on 5/3/18 through 5/5/18. A list of potential attendees is being developed and the projected topic will be AGA National Restructuring.
- Chapter Nomination Awards are a good idea to promote our chapter – suggested nominating our chapter for newsletter, website, and other awards to be presented at the Summer PDT in Orlando.
- Professional Fair – Considering rescheduling to coincide with Public Service Recognition Week. The DFAS Chief of Staff recommended a seminar with interview skills and resume writing, rather than the booth format used in the past.

President-Elect Updates (Matt Little)

- Nominating Committee held first meeting and covered the bylaws, vacancies, and the current membership listing, in order to seek out new chapter leaders for elections held in April 2018.
- Ohio Dominican University Auditing Class, and their professor, Mr. John “Jack” Edwards have agreed to perform the annual audit of the 2017-2018 Greater Columbus Chapter financials in April 2018 after the fiscal year-end is over.

Treasury Report (Eric Gersper):

- Presented December Treasurer’s Report

Committee Updates:

- **Finance & Budget – Vacant**
 - Received 2017 Ohio State Football Check, for approximately \$5,000, with a slight downward adjustment for having less than six volunteers for certain games.
 - Annual Chapter Sponsorship efforts are on hold due to the AGA National Sponsorship Project.
- **Chapter Historian – Jason Gentile**
 - Continuing to work on Chapter Instagram and continuing to maintain Chapter Archive.
- **Membership – Bob Palmieri/Ed Young**
 - Update on AGA Membership Database
 - Membership Renewals Going Out
- **Programs – Kristen Hershberger/Lindsay Harris**
 - More discussion on price differences between members and non-members
 - Luncheon Planning for 2/21/2018
 - A dessert item was requested to be added to the luncheon menu
 - PDT Planning underway for 3/27/2018
- **Certification – Barb Bail/Bob Mako**
 - E-mail drafted to the Governor’s POC for early February 2018 for the March CGFM Month proclamation.
- **By-Laws – Elizabeth Gibbs**
 - No Update
- **Communications – Pat Jackson**

- No Update
- **Education – Vacant**
 - No Response on ODU Invoice for October PDT (approx. \$2,000 owed)
 - Luncheon 1/18/2018 – Tabatha Tomlinson from H&R Block
 - Webinar 2/7/2018 – GASB Update
 - Luncheon 2/21/2018 – Tammy Kicas, Departmental Reporting
 - Discussed progress on 3/27/2018 PDT speakers
 - Ben Thayer to get update on IR sharing cost of webinars
- **Community Service & Scholarships – Vacant**
 - VITA begins February 3rd, and goes through March 17th. February 3rd will be Super Saturday at Downtown High School, and February 10th through March 17th we will be hosting tax prep sites at Northland and West High Schools in Columbus. We have openings for Greeters and Tax Preparers. Further information is available on the Chapter Website.
 - Scholarship Committee has been formed (Ben Thayer). Will begin planning advertisement, essay topic, and POCs for dissemination of materials.
- **Accountability Outreach – Cindy Shoe**
 - No Update

Looking Ahead – Calendar of Chapter Events

FEB 7 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Understanding GASB’s New Standards on Leases & Fiduciary Activities DSCC Building 21, Room C-146 (USMC Room)	2 CPE Accounting
FEB 20 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	
FEB 21 11:30 – 1:00	Greater Columbus AGA February Luncheon – Financial Reporting – Ms. Tammy Kicas DSCC Building 21, Room C-147 (Army Room)	2 CPE Governmental Accounting
MAR 7 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Infrastructure Financing With State and Local Government DSCC Building 21, Room A-119 (Erie Room)	2 CPE Finance
TBD	CGFM Month Luncheon	
MAR 19 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	
MAR 27 8:00 – 4:30	Greater Columbus AGA/Buckeye Chapter ASMC Spring Professional Development Training Creekside Event Center	7 CPE Various
MAR 27 4:30 – 6:00	Greater Columbus AGA/Buckeye Chapter ASMC No-Host Social Creekside Local Cantina Restaurant	
MAR 28 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Cybersecurity DSCC Building 21, Room A-119 (Erie Room)	2 CPE Finance
APR 11 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Ethics DSCC Building 21, Room B-123 (Scioto Room)	2 CPE Behavioral Ethics
APR 16 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	

**Greater Columbus AGA –
Officer & Chapter Executive Committee Roster**

President	Will Kays
President-Elect	Matthew Little
Secretary	Ayisha King
Treasurer	Eric Gersper

Immediate Past-President	Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	Cindy Shoe
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Communications 1	Pat Jackson
Communications 2	-Vacant-
Community Service 1	-Vacant-
Community Service 2	-Vacant-
CGFM 1	Barbara Bail
CGFM 2	Bob Mako
Education 1	-Vacant-
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	Jason Gentile
Membership 1	Ed Young
Membership 2	Bob Palmieri
Programs 1	Lindsay Harris
Programs 2	Kristen Hershberger

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